Special Recruitment Drive during the current year is as follows:

1. Ministries/Departments of Government of India including Ministry of Railways	31,923
2. Public Sector Undertakings	20,129
3. Public Sector Banks	4,488
4. Insurance Corporations	1,028

(b) Under the Action Plan drawn up by the Ministry of Personnal, Public Grievances and Pensions, a special recruitment drive has been launched to fill up the backlog vacancies as on 31-3-90 by 31-10-90.

पर्यावरण और वन मंत्रियों की बैठक

***11. श्रीमती सूर्यकान्ता पाटील :** क्या **पर्यावरण और वन** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि 3 मई, 1990 को पर्यावरण और वन मंत्रियों की एक बैठक नई दिल्ली में हुई थी जिसमे क्रियान्वित की जा रही या विचाराधीन सिंचाई परियोजनाओं को पर्यावरण की दृष्टि से स्वीकृति देने से संबधित मामले पर विचार किया गया था;

(ख) क्या यह भी सच है कि महाराष्ट्र सरकार ने उक्त बैठक में अपनी कुछ समस्याओं को उठाया था और केन्द्र से "जुदपी जंगल" को राजस्व भूमि के रूप में मान्यता देने का आग्रह किया था; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो केन्द्रीय सरकार क्या कार्यवाही करने का विचार रखती है ताकि सिंचाई परियोजनाओं को कार्यान्वित किया जा सके ?

पर्यावरण और वन मंत्री (श्री नीलमणि राउतराय) : (क) जी नहीं।

(ख) और (ग) प्रश्न नहीं उठते।

Smuggling of Sandalwood from South Indian Forests

*12. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) what steps are being taken to stop large scale smuggling of sandalwood from South Indian Forests;

(b) whether any requests in this regard have been received by Government from some Southern States; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof and what action Government propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NILAMANI ROUTRAY): (a) to (c) Steps taken by Central Government to stop large scale smuggling of sandalwood from South Indian Forests include:—

1. Financial assistance provided to State Governments for procurement of arms & equipment as follows:—

(i) Karnataka	Rs. 20 lakhs
(ii) Tamil Nadu	Rs. 40 lakhs

2. Initiating steps to make uniform legislation involving sandalwood trade all over the country.

3. Banning export of sandalwood except 50 gms pieces.

4. Guidelines have been issued to the State Governments in respect of the following:—

(i) Legal procurement certificate of one State should not be valid in other States.

(ii) Amount of reward to informers should increase from the present rate of 5 per cent to 20 per cent of the value of wood seized.

(iii) Common Task Force of 3 States of Kerala, Karnataka and